Entertainment expenses for Ministers paid by Air India

2717. SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India is making payments of hotel accommodation and entertainment expenses of the Ministers in his Ministry; and

(b) if so, the details of such payments indicating names of hotels, period of stay and amount paid?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Economy drive by Indian Airttnes

2718. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the airlines authorities have imposed an economy drive in certain areas to curb unwanted expenditure in Indian Airlines;

(b) if so, what are the steps taken in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Indian airlines continues to indulge in drainage of a huge amount of money every year for bringing Boeing Commanders to operate flights from Calcutta to eastern and north eastern regions; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIA TION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The following measures have been taken by Indian Airlines to reduce expenditure:

— Economising on aircraft fuel consumption by shorting of routes optimisation of speed/cruise levels, etc.

— Reduction of establishment expenses;

— Avoidance/deferment, as far as possible, of non-operational expenditure on civil works, furniture, fixtures, office equipment, vehicles, etc.

— Frequent pre-flight checks to avoid wastage on food uplift/catering items;

— Readjustment of schedules matching with demand;

— Postponement of conferences and seminars.

(c) and (d) Certain B 737 Commanders from Delhi and Bombay are required to have a night-stop at Calcutta due to operational reasons. From Calcutta they operate flights to Eastern and North-Eastern Regions prior to return to their base. The expenditure involved is estimated at about Rs. 40 lakhs per year.

विभिन्न किस्म के विमान

2719. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारत सरकार के पास किस-किस किस्म के कितने-कितने विमान हैं और उनकी यात्री-वहन क्षमता कितनी-कितनी है ; और

(ख) देश में कौन-कौन से वायुमार्ग अलाभकर हैं ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिंधिया) : (क) एयर इंडिया,

इंडियन एयरलाइन्स और वायुदूत के पास विमानों की संख्या इस प्रकार है :—

एयर इंडिया			
बी–747–200	9		
बी–747–300 (कोम्बी)	2	22	
ए–310–300	8		
ए–300–बी–4	3		
इंडियन एयरलाइन्स			
ए–300–बी 2/बी 4	11		
बी–747	23	52	
ए–320	18		
वायुदूत			
एच एस–748	8		
डोर्नियर–228	8	17	
एफ–27	1		इंडियन एयरलाइन्स से पट्टे पर

(ख) एक विवरण संलग्न है (नीचे देखिए) सूची में बताए गए इंडियन एयरलाइन्स के 22 मार्गों पर मई, 1992 के दौरान हानि हुई । वायुदूत द्वारा परिचालित सभी मार्गों पर हानि हो रही है ।

विवरण

इंडियन एयरलाइन्स के उन मार्गों का ब्यौरा जिनमें मई, 1992 के दौरान हानि हुई है ।

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Effect of decanalisation on export and production of mica and mica products

2720. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of export and total production of mica and mica products and the revenue earned during the year before decanalisation and after the de-canalisation;

(b) whether it is a fact that the steps tor decanalisation has falied to yield result; and

(c) if so, the remedial steps taken in (his regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRl SALMAN KHURSEED): (a) The quantity of mica and mica products exported in the year before and after decanalisation of processed mica in October, 1990 is estimated to have been as under:

	Quantity
October '89-Sept. '90	43,515 otnnes
October '90-Sept. '90	37,138 tonnes,

Reliable production figures for the respective periods in respect of mica and mica products are not available. Export duty on mica and mica scrap/waste has been abolished since 20-3-1990. However, export duty collected on export of mica scrap in 1989-90 was Rs. 2.33 crores. Cess on export of mica and mica products collected during 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 has been Rs. 1,46 crores, Rs. 1.12 crores and Rs. 1.80 crores respectively-

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Export performance of the mica industry is reviewed periodically for taking remedial steps, if any, required.

सिंगापुर में फूल नीलामी मंच

2721. डा० बापू कालदाते : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि विकसित देशों में फूलों की मांग में अत्यधिक वृद्धि हुई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस मांग को पूरा करने के लिए भारत द्वारा क्या-क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि सिंगापुर में एक फूल नीलामी केन्द्र स्थापित किया जा रहा है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या भारत इस केन्द्र का लाभ उठाने के लिए कोई योजना बना रहा है : और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?